

TENTH YEAR.

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## SMITH IS A FORGER

A Gay Grand Rapids Youth Arrested at Port Huron

## FOR FRAUDING THE BANKS

He Passed Forged Checks on the Old National and State Bank of Michigan Before Leaving.

PORT HURON, Mich., July 11.—An important arrest was made at St. Clair last night in the person of a young man, who gave his name as Leon A. Smith. Young Smith is about 21 years of age, and once lived in Flint, but his mother now resides in Grand Rapids. Smith called at the Commercial bank in this city last week with a \$150 New York draft, drawn on the Coldwater bank. He induced a friend to introduce him. He then went to the Flint National bank and raised \$500 in the same manner. From the Citizens bank of Flint he secured \$700 more. At Grand Rapids he raised \$2,000, and then came back to Port Huron. On Monday afternoon he presented another \$500 draft on the Commercial bank.

Smith coolly replied he was making money in patent medicines. To support this statement he produced a New York draft for \$1,124 drawn by the Coldwater National bank on the American Exchange National. Anderson introduced him, and Smith took the money and walked out. He was remarkably cool about the matter. That night he sent the draft on to New York for collection.

"Monday afternoon we received a telegram from New York saying the draft was no good. In the morning's mail we had received a postal card from the Commercial bank of Port Huron asking us to return a draft drawn by Smith on his mother at No. 50 Coit avenue. This draft had reached us on Friday for collection. As we had received no word from Mrs. Smith, we sent a man up to the house with draft, postal and telegram. The place was closed. From the Commercial bank of Port Huron we learned that Smith had left Saturday for Lansing, where said Buffalo. Inasmuch as this Port Huron draft had been sent subject to protest, it was quite evident that the money on it had been paid, and that some provision had been made to meet it at the place at which it was drawn. So the chief of police wired Port Huron Monday night, asking if Smith were there, and if so to hold him. About midnight an answer was received saying that Smith had been arrested.

"The young man was smart, but not old. Smart enough to know how to get the money, but not old enough to know how to get away."

His Connection With The Herald. It was on January 3 of the present year that Leon A. Smith entered into a contract with the management of THE HERALD to circulate the paper in that portion of the city south of East Fulton street, east of Grand river. Young Smith at first appeared to make earnest efforts to do his business in an honorable, straightforward manner. It was not long, however, before evidence of a fast life began to show on him and a reckless manner of doing business followed. Inasmuch as the contract was for a term of six months, it is a formal notice being given him that according to the terms of the contract THE HERALD desired its provisions annulled. Subscribers will remember the publication of the following notice, which appeared in these columns about April 10 or 11:

To Subscribers. This will notify you that the arrangement by which Leon A. Smith has had the circulation of THE HERALD in a portion of the city south of East Fulton street, has been severed, and his authority for making collections has been annulled. In future the delivery in that portion of the city will be handled from the office direct, and all payments for the paper should be made at the office or to our duly authorized agents.

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## VICTIMS OF THE FIRE

Twelve Men Known to Have Perished at the Fair.

## SIX BODIES ARE RECOVERED

It Is Feared That Many Have Been Cremated Who Were Others Than Firemen.

CHICAGO, July 11.—Twenty-eight hours after the occurrence of the calamity which shrouded the handsome White city in gloom, the most conservative estimates of the number of the killed shrink slightly. The dead are known to be twelve, while two sufferers are lying in the Emergency hospital gasping away in a few hours of life which are yet allotted to them. The numbers dead include those who died in the hospital from their injuries, and the unfortunate whose charred and blackened trunks were taken from the mass of debris now adorning the space near the Sixty-fourth street entrance, where on yesterday stood a handsomely white-washed structure. The unknown dead will probably never be known, but efforts will be made tomorrow by the aid of powerful machinery to lift the network of freezing pipes, allowing the firemen to delve still deeper for humanity, which, it is conceded by all, is certainly well below. Probably by noon the anxiously awaited truth will have been reached. This list is explanatory of the fatalities.

List of Known Dead. Dead: James Fitzpatrick, 28 years of age, captain of engine company; John L. Freeman, lieutenant company 1; William Denning, truck company No. 8; N. Hart, a fireman; Philip P. Green, truck company No. 8; Capt. James A. Galvey, engine company No. 1; John McBride, fireman, engine company No. 8; John Cahill, truck company No. 8; Paul Schneider, truck company No. 8; Burton E. Page, company captain, truck company No. 8; Charles Purvis, lieutenant engine company No. 4; John A. Smith, driver engine company No. 4.

Fatally injured: L. J. Frank, engine company No. 1, expected to die tonight; Signum Nordrum, engine company No. 2, cannot live twelve hours. The four Columbian guards who were reported in the list of missing have been heard from.

Not Firemen's Bodies. At daylight Marshal King and twenty laborers were at work on the ruins. By 7 o'clock three bodies were recovered, but they were so badly charred and disfigured as to make recognition impossible. One thing seems quite evident, however, and that is, that the bodies discovered are not the remains of firemen, because they were found at a somewhat remote distance from where the firemen fell and under a mass of steam pipe and machinery that must have fallen from above. That gives color to the fearful apprehension that the firemen were by no means the only ones who fell victims to the flames, and the public is disposed to doubt the declarations that employes and visitors were out of the building before the conflagration had reached a dangerous stage.

The search work went on with but one short intermission until ten minutes past four, when one more body was brought to the surface. Like the others it was charred beyond recognition. At 5 o'clock another body, burned beyond recognition was found just under the edge of the network of pipes and was extricated with difficulty.

Where Are the Painters? There are reports to be heard from one or two of the company's employes, but it is possible that these men have escaped.

Marshal Murphy is convinced that there are more bodies under the ruins. He said today: "We have accounted for the firemen and a fireman, but what of those carpenters and painters? The place was full of men when I went up there, and I noticed particularly two men carrying tools. I saw them, but they were not seen from the fire. They, as was the case with the carpenters, did not realize the danger and were standing around."

In regard to the reports he had made on the unsafe condition of the building, the chief said guardedly: "I am not sure, but I am sure that the official capacity only with Mr. Burnham, director of works. I have sent him three letters in regard to the condition of the building and have reported to him after each one of the four fires, and recommended that something be done at once to prevent a recurrence of the affair."

Aid for the Sufferers. After the cold storage fire horror came the display table of practical human sympathy for the widows and children of the brave men who died at the post of duty. Subscriptions and offers of substantial help came in all day. President Hightsham reported the following: Northern Trust company, \$1,000; Potter Palmer, \$1,000; Commissioner Massey, \$1,000; Philadelphia cafe, \$1,000; Second & Hopkins, \$1,000; Director Schwab, \$200; the foreign commission to the fair, \$745; Commissioner Hovey of Massachusetts, \$50. The total amount of the subscription fund tonight amounts to \$4,310, but it will not stop there by any means. The Cliff Dwellers' company and the military tournament will give a performance for the benefit of the brave men. Employees of the exposition and excursionists are expected to contribute the price of an admission, 50 cents, next Thursday. A proposition will be made to the executive committee to designate one day, the proceeds of which shall go to the relief fund. These intentions are given that 50 cents for their ticket that day will be allowed to do so. Charles T. Yerkes, the street car magnate, has offered \$2,500 for his ticket.

TO AVENGE MILLER. Negroes at Bradwell Threaten to Retaliate for the Lynching. PATERSON, N. Y., July 11.—Mayor Yeiser has received a telegram from Slaughter Lintworth, the mayor of Bradwell, asking for the loan of 100 Winchester rifles and 240 rounds of ammunition. He said that the city was threatened with serious trouble, the negro population having risen up in indignation over the hanging and burning of S. J. Miller there Friday. A large crowd of people from this city have come to the scene. Bradwell, N. Y., July 11. A number of the most active workers in the exp-

## EDITORS AT YE FAIR

Members of the Michigan Press Visit the Exposition.

## RECEIVED BY THE OFFICIALS

Meeting in Their State Building They Are Addressed by President Palmer and Others.

CHICAGO, July 11.—Paid admission to the fair today 102,224. About 150 members of the Michigan State Press association met at the Michigan building today. At 11 o'clock they gathered in assembly hall, where President T. W. Palmer made a short address of welcome. Mr. Palmer related a number of his experiences with members of the Michigan press, all of which he declared, has been agreeable to himself. Julius E. Beal of Ann Arbor, the retiring president of the association, also made an address, and the morning passed with brief impromptu speeches and music.

Last night members of the association to the number of 200 arrived at the Mecca hotel. Most of the party will remain for a week or more. The association held its annual meeting at Detroit last Wednesday and Thursday and then by boat went up to Mackinac, leaving there Monday and reaching Chicago last night. The retiring officers of the association are: President, J. E. Beal, Ann Arbor; vice president, T. E. Quinly, Detroit; secretary, James Slocum; treasurer, L. M. Sellers. The new officers elected on Tuesday were: President, Mr. Quinly; vice president, Frank Green, Olivet; secretary, James Scheuermeyer; treasurer, S. C. Rawlinson. Members of the association, through the courtesy of Secretary Page, were given carte blanche to the Midway pleasure, and will reciprocate by a present, for which a purse was raised today.

To Welcome the Viking. A hearty welcome awaits Capt. Magnus Andersen and the crew of the Viking ship which will arrive here tomorrow. Gen. Christopher Ravn, commissioner general from Norway, and his committee, consisting of Ole A. Thorp, H. A. Hangen, I. K. Boyesen, C. R. Matson and P. O. Stenaland, have got all things in readiness and have prepared for the visitors a reception in the city. The Norwegian societies and residents of the city will bear a conspicuous part.

The Viking ship is now at Milwaukee and is expected to arrive at Evanston early tomorrow morning. She will be towed there by the revenue cutter. Another reception will be given to the ship by the city and the city will be met by the Michigan and the Blake and a whole fleet of excursion boats and yachts. A national salute will be fired by the Michigan and after the exchange of courtesies there the whole flotilla will leave for the fair grounds.

Folk Lore Congress. At the afternoon session of the Folk Lore congress, papers were read as follows: "Legends from the North Frisian Islands, the cradle of the Anglo-Saxon race," William George Blackie, honorary secretary of Archaeological society, Glasgow, Scotland; "The Superstitions and Legends of the Wild Tribes of Irrawady Valley," Louis Vison, French consul, Philadelphia, with remarks by Monsieur Billaud, special commissioner for French colonies; "The Northern Trolls," David McFitchie, Edinburgh, Scotland, with remarks by Prof. Fred Starr, vice president of Chicago Folk Lore society; "Myths, Symbols and Magic of Africa," illustrated by objects personally collected, Mrs. M. French Sheldon, London, England; "The Cliff Dwellers of Southwestern America," Mrs. Palmer Henderson, Minneapolis; "Modern Greek Mythology," Miss Lucy M. J. Garnet, London, England.

In the afternoon the American Philological association met in hall 24 and the following papers were read: "Critical Notes on Sophocles," Dr. Mortimer Lanson, Earle, Barnard college, New York; "An Attempt to Bring Light on Certain Uses of the Latin Perfect Subjunctive," Prof. B. C. Elmer, Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y.; "On the Meaning of the Word Statua, and Its Interpretations in Latin VII. 2," Prof. George L. Hendrickson, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin; "Notes on Plautus, Capt. 442," Prof. W. S. Scarborough, Wilberforce university, Wilberforce, Ohio.

Sessions of the historical, philologist and folk lore congresses were held this evening. At the former some notable papers on interesting historical subjects were contributed by Col. William Fretton Johnston, president of the Tulane university, New Orleans; Dr. James Schouler, Boston; Prof. Charles J. Latimer, Northwestern university, Evanston; Prof. Ephraim Emerson, Harvard university; William L. Smith, Harvard university; and Dr. Frederick Bancroft of Washington, D. C.

George C. Cable, Surgeon Washington Matthews of Chicago, Mrs. Horatio Watson of Memphis, the Hon. Arno Hale of Canada, and Dr. Charles A. Eastman of St. Paul read interesting papers at the evening session of the Folk Lore congress.

Prof. William Garden Hale of the University of Chicago, delivered his annual address as president of the American Philological association this evening, his subject being "Democracy and Education."

Had Piece of Work on the D. & M. at Royal Oak. ROYAL OAK, Mich., July 11.—The suburban passenger train and a freight on the D. & M. collided here this morning at 8:15. The freight was stopped at the depot unloading goods and when it was almost time for the passenger to arrive, the conductor signalled the engineer to go ahead. The latter, however, was in the milk house near the depot and the fireman started the train. Instead of going up on the switch, he stayed on the main track. Near the curve the passenger train was seen, approaching at the rate of fifteen miles per hour. Neither train could stop and they crashed into each other. Both engines were almost completely wrecked. The baggage cars front end was smashed, that freight car was demolished with all its contents, consisting of household goods. The engineer

## GRAY GABLES

President Cleveland Takes a Morning Drive and Receives Callers.

## HEAD-END COLLISION

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WASHINGTON, July 11.—Representative J. L. Wilson of West Virginia, who presided over the Chicago convention and who is recognized as one of the ablest leaders in the anti-congress movement in this city this morning. Questioned as to the probable outcome of the extra session, Mr. Wilson said: "It has always been my belief that the extra session will be continuous and that no recess can be taken. Under any circumstances, however, the tariff question will be considered. So soon as the committee on ways and means is announced, the tariff question will be taken up by them. And even if there should be a recess in December, the committee will continue to have sessions for the consideration of the new tariff law."

Wilson to Out. Mr. PLEASANT, Mich., July 11.—Andrew Spencer, superintendent of the eastern Cherokee Indian school, has been transferred to the superintendency of the school at Cherokee, Okla. He will assume his duties on Monday and will be relieved at the eastern Cherokee institution, at which time Mr. Wilson will step down and out.

Monroe Boy's Frightful Death. MONROE, Mich., July 11.—Engene Dumas, the 14-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Dumas of this city, who accidentally shot himself through the left hand while playing with a toy pistol on the evening of July 3, died this morning of lockjaw resulting from his injuries.

New Prosecuting Attorney. LANSING, Mich., July 11.—Governor Rich this morning appointed Foster Snodgrass of West Branch prosecuting attorney of Ogemaw county to succeed Nelson Sharp, who was recently appointed judge of the new thirty-fourth judicial district.

Went Through a Saloon. LITWORTH, Mich., July 11.—Burglars last night entered F. Duchane's saloon at Longville and made good their escape with \$38 in cash.

CAR COMPANY ASSIGNED. The assignment of the day was the speech of Populist Governor White. Among things he said: "If the money power shall attempt to sustain its usurpation by the 'wrong hand' we will meet them with the 'right hand' and we will use for it in better judgment than blood should flow to the homes' bristles, rather than our national liberties be destroyed."

He said also: "If it be true that the United States is unable to carry out its governmental policy without the dictation of a small group of European powers, if we are a province of European monarchies, then we need another revolution, another appeal to arms and we have won the battle. If war is forced upon us we will send to Halifax a far greater army of 'British lions' according to our population, than our forefathers sent there after the revolutionary war."

In conclusion he said: "The war has begun; it is the same war which must always be waged against oppression and tyranny to preserve the liberties of man."

Debate was lengthy, the prevailing sentiment evidently being with the governor. The Denver clearing house sent a check for \$1,000 to pay the expenses of suitable delegates to St. Louis, Chicago and Washington. Charles S. Thomas, member of the national democratic convention, was elected permanent chairman of the convention. At the Broadwater theater tonight the Rev. Myron Reed and President Andrews spoke to a crowded house on the silver question. A large number of resolutions were presented to the convention, but they were all referred to a committee without reading and an attempt will be made to formulate a temperate document which will have weight in the east.

TESTING ARMOR PLATE. Twelve-Inch Projectiles Fired at the Indiana's Armor. WASHINGTON, July 11.—Secretary Herbert, Captain Sampson, chief of the bureau of ordnance, and a number of naval officers, went to the naval proving grounds at Annapolis, Maryland, to witness the test of the plate representing the armor for the turret of the Indiana. The plate is a composition of nickel